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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA - IRS Relations

(Interview by Mr. Peter Hughes, House Select

Committee Staff)

1. Reference is made to a verbal request from of The Review Staff that the undersigned meet with Mr. Peter Hughes, House Select Committee Staff, on 7 October 1975 to discuss the Office of Security's relationship with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

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- 2. From 1400-1500 hours, 7 October 1975, the undersigned met with Mr. Hughes in the conference room located within The Review Staff. Mr. Hughes was provided with a verbal briefing concerning those instances where the Office of Security has reviewed U.S. Internal Revenue Service tax records concerning individuals and/or firms, as previously reported to the Rockefeller Commission, Senate Select Committee, and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. In addition, Mr. Hughes was allowed to review the Office of Security's 17 June 1975 letter to the Internal Revenue Service, which outlined those instances where tax records had been reviewed by the Office of Security.
- 3. Mr. Hughes' primary interests seemed to center on the types of cases in which the Office of Security has reviewed tax records and was informed that such cases would fall into two categories--a counterintelligence investigation or in a case where an Agency employee is suspected of misusing his position with the Agency to his own financial or personal advantage. As stated to Mr. Hughes, all but one of those instances where the Office of Security has reviewed U.S. Internal Revenue Service tax records could be categorized as a counterintelligence investigation.

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- 4. Mr. Hughes was also interested in determining a firm numerical figure for the number of times the Office of Security has reviewed tax records, and after an explanation of the difficulties in applying a statistical figure to these checks, Mr. Hughes agreed that the figure would fluctuate depending on how one counted each case where tax records had been reviewed. Mr. Hughes asked if there were any additional instances where the Office of Security had reviewed Internal Revenue Service tax records and was advised that one recently discovered case is not contained within the 17 June 1975 letter to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Hughes was advised that this particular case is extremely sensitive and that any release of information concerning this case would have to be obtained from the Director of Central Intelligence. Mr. Hughes then asked if this sensitive case was of a counterintelligence nature and if it occurred within the time frame of those cases previously reported. The undersigned replied in the affirmative to both questions, and <u>Mr. Hughes stated</u> that he requi<u>red no further</u> information concerning this case.
- 5. Mr. Hughes took notes during the above interview but did not evidence an interest in the names of the individuals involved in each case. Mr. Hughes' notes primarily consisted of a breakdown of each case as to the dates it occurred; the type of tax information obtained; and the category into which each case would fall. Further, Mr. Hughes stated that for his purposes the identities of the individuals would not be necessary, adding that his primary interest was in determining the circumstances and manner in which the Office of Security had obtained tax information. Mr. Hughes asked how the Office of Security might currently undertake to obtain tax information on an individual and was advised that should such an event occur, it would be handled in full compliance with all existing regulations.
- 6. Mr. Hughes did not request that the Office of Security furnish him with any documents concerning the review of tax records and seemed satisfied with the information provided verbally. Apparently, Mr. Hughes is also seeking to obtain information from the Office of General Counsel concerning their relationship with the Internal Revenue Service.

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